NC Aquaculture Association Board Meeting Nov 5, 2007 Pitt County Cooperative Extension Center

Present: Nancy Sugg, Sterling Davenport, Mike Frinsko, Matt Parker

Note: Not enough members for a quorum to do business

Nancy asked about the membership for The Fish Connection Cooperative. Matt suggested they have individual members join and then have the Cooperative Join as an associate member.

The current bank balance is \$1982.87. William still has one \$50 deposit to make. He has not heard back from the NCDA&CS graphic artist about the brochure yet. We received \$200 from Farm Bureau to help with printing/mailing of a newsletter/membership form.

Matt has secured a booth at the NC Aquaculture Development Conference Trade Show. The tradeshow booth board should include an enlarged version of the newsletter, pictures, and the goals and purpose of the organization. Additionally we will look into having some pens or other items available to hand out to people. Membership forms, copies of the newsletter, copies of by-laws, and copies of other organizations newsletters will be available also. The big need will be for people to work the booth during the high traffic times for the tradeshow.

The annual meeting will be held at the NC Aquaculture Development Conference. The meeting will focus on the election of officers. The topic of a short (20-30 minutes) speaker was also discussed. Nancy and Sterling felt the current slate of interim officers should continue for the next term. Matt will make up paper ballots to hand out at the meeting for a vote. It will include a write in section. Matt's new member survey asks if anyone would be interested in serving in a membership role. He will contact anyone who would like this opportunity to find out more and add them to the ballot.

Nancy will personally contact board members to nail down a date for one more meeting before the annual meeting in January.